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SUBJ: PEREZ AND RODRIGUEZ LARA MEET IN QUITO

1. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ STOPPED IN QUITO FOR 5 HOURS ENROUTE HOME FROM THE AYACUCHO CEREMONIES IN PERU. THE CORE OF THE VISIT, WHICH HAD MANY ELEMENTS OF SPONTANEITY, WAS PEREZ' ONE HOUR-AND-A-HALF CONVERSATION WITH ECUADOR'S PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA.

2. ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS BY BOTH PRESIDENTS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD DEFINE A COMMON POLICY VIS-A-VIS PURCHASERS FOR THE SALE OF OIL (BOTH MENTIONED A "POOL"), WOULD COOPERATE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REFINERIES, FERTILIZER AND PETRO-CHEMICAL PLANTS SEEKING WAYS TO TAKE BETTER ADVANTAGE OF THE COMPLEMENTARY ASPECTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BINATIONAL ENTERPRISES.

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3. PEREZ SPOKE AGAIN OF LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION

TO CONFRONT PROBLEMS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WHILE AT SAME TIME STATING THAT HE REMAINED A SUPPORTER OF THE OAS. RODRIGUEZ LARA DID NOT DISCUSS THIS POINT. PEREZ INVITED RODRIGUEZ TO ATTEND HIS MEETING OF LA PRESIDENTS IN CARACAS NEXT YEAR.

4. VISIT WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MUCH EMPHASIS ON CLOSE RELATIONS AND BROTHERLINESS OF TWO COUNTRIES AND DESIRE OF PRESIDENTS IMPLEMENT INTENTIONS OF BOLIVAR AND SUCRE, SEEKING WAYS TO BRING BOTH COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER. PEREZ' LATE ARRIVAL GAVE FRIENDLY AND COMFORTABLE LATIN TOUCH TO VISIT BUT CAUSED SOME HASTY IMPROVISATION ON PART OF HOSTS. SPONTANEOUS VISIT TO TOMB OF MARSHALL SUCRE, WHERE PEREZ LAID WREATH, BROUGHT TWO PRESIDENTS INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH SURPRISED CENTRAL CITY INHABITANTS WHO GREETED THEM WITH APPLAUSE.

5. COMMENT: NOTHING CONCRETE CAME OUT OF THE MEETING NOR WAS MUCH EXPECTED GIVEN THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH IT WAS ARRANGED. PROBABLY THE MOST INTERESTING POINT WAS THAT WITH RESPECT TO A COMMON POLICY ON OIL SALES AND A "POOL", THE TERMS OF WHICH, ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT, WERE NOT DEFINED. ECUADOR'S DIFFICULTIES IN DISPOSING OF ITS HIGH PRICED CRUDE PROBABLY ACCOUNT FOR THIS ITEM.
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